

Virginia Emergency Operations Center

Hurricane Katrina Impacts

Situation Report #6

Operational Period 0700 Hours September 5, 2005 to 0700 Hours September 6, 2005

SITUATION:

Governor Mark R. Warner declared a limited state of emergency within the Commonwealth on August 31, 2005, directing the Virginia Emergency Operations Center (VEOC) to coordinate state relief efforts in response to Hurricane Katrina.

There are spot fuel shortages around the Commonwealth, primarily by independent stations; however, there is no word of widespread fuel shortages.

Plantation Pipeline Company has increased their average daily throughput to 100% on its refined product pipeline serving the southeastern United States. Colonial Pipeline expected to be at 100% by the end of the holiday weekend. Two spurs into Virginia were opened September 3, 2005.

Localities across the Commonwealth are receiving evacuees from Louisiana. The American Red Cross is providing assistance, such as food, clothing, and shelter, to the evacuees. No public shelters have been established, but this remains a possibility.

ONGOING STATE ACTIVITIES:

- **VDEM/VEOC**
 - Augmented with additional staffing from DFP and DGS
 - Coordinating 40 open missions through Emergency Management Assistance Compact (EMAC). Disseminating EMAC requests to the appropriate State and/or local agencies
 - Coordinating an evacuee care meeting with key state agencies and volunteer organizations for September 6
- **DMME**
 - Continue to have some stations report gas outages, but situation is not widespread
- **DOF**
 - Total of 45 personnel assisting with the response (2 crews of 20 plus 5 personnel assisting with specialty roles on IMTs)
 - Deploying six 3 person chainsaw strike teams to help with debris clearing and removal September 6 to Saint Stephens, Mississippi
- **VDH**
 - The Virginia Beach Medical Reserve Corps (VBMRC) has deployed 5 volunteers to Montgomery, AL (to be further deployed)
 - Va. Disaster Medical Assistance Team (DMAT)-1, 12 personnel deployed on 5 missions and 32 standing by for immediate deployment.
 - Continuing organization of public health response teams for deployment to the Gulf Coast. Collected over 50 VDH Agency Volunteer names to date
 - Virginia DMAT Strike Team initially deployed to Anniston, AL for staging and further movement occurred on September 5
- **VNG**
 - 15 Infantrymen in support of VSP mission in Mississippi has been cancelled
 - Approval given for 225 NG personnel to deploy to Mississippi. Personnel are gathering now and waiting deployment
 - Deployed 120 guardsmen mainly military police to assist Louisiana
 - Deployed 6 guardsmen with the 203rd Red Horse unit to assist Louisiana

- **VSP**
 - Deployed VSP helicopter equipped with a hoist, staffed by two pilots now performing rescue missions in New Orleans and Baton Rouge as well as providing restocking supplies
 - 100 Trooper Law Enforcement Task Force with a communication vehicle headed for Mississippi is on hold, per Mississippi request
- **VITA**
 - EMAC Request Summary information is posted on the On-Line EOC. Any On-Line EOC access issues should be directed to VITA Customer Care at 1-866-637-8482
- **VDSS**
 - Directing local offices to refer evacuees to local chapter of American Red Cross (ARC) and provide FEMA teleregistration number. After screening by ARC, DSS will process evacuees into appropriate program
 - DSS provided guidelines to localities for providing assistance to evacuees
 - DSS Hotline – 1-800-777-8293 – For Faith Based Groups to offer temporary housing for evacuees
- **VDFF**
 - Staffing to assist in EMAC and Legislative Affairs
- **VGIF**
 - Va. Dept. of Game and Inland Fisheries and Amherst County mission cancelled by Louisiana due to Army Corps of Engineers pumping the water out of New Orleans

LOCAL ACTIONS:

- Identifying resources for possible deployment to impact areas
- Monitoring fuel supply
- Receiving evacuees

OTHER ACTIVITIES:

- Virginia Public Inquiry Center (VPIC) is open to answer questions and field concerns from citizens. The VPIC telephone number is **866-880-4288**, hours of operation this week – 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. 54 calls reported for September 5, 7 of which were referred to Medical Reserve Corps. A total of 167 calls reported since VPIC opened
- FEMA has set up a Donations Hotline at **800-440-6728**
- 4 evacuees have registered with a current Virginia address through FEMA Teleregistrations. Public Affairs outreach in process
- Electrical power companies serving the Commonwealth report personnel responding to the impacted area as follows: Virginia Dominion Power - 251, Appalachian Power - 292 and Allegheny Power – 131
- American Red Cross has 213 open cases and assisted 593 individuals. The largest concentrations of evacuees are in Hampton, Norfolk and Richmond
- The Department of Health and Human Services has established a website (<https://volunteer.hhs.gov>) and toll-free number (1-866-KAT-MEDI) to help identify private sector health care professionals and relief personnel to assist in Hurricane Katrina relief efforts
- FEMA has 28 USAR Teams deployed. The Virginia Beach USAR Team is part of Maryland Task Force 1. Virginia Task Force 1 based out of Fairfax County is also deployed

PROJECTED FUTURE ACTIONS:

- Conduct conference calls with localities
- Continue to monitor fuel supply and coordinates with localities and the Governor's Office
- Coordinate local and state relief efforts
- Process EMAC requests
- Continue to monitor evacuee situation
- Refine 30-Day plan of action
- Implement external communications plan

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